



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pre Patent Application of
Jeffrey Wilson THORNTON et al.

Application No.: 09/868,139

Filed: September 19, 2001

For: ACIDIC SUPERABSORBENT
POLYSACCHARIDES

) **MAILSTOP: AF**

) Group Art Unit: 1714

) Examiner: Tae H. Yoon

) Confirmation No.: 6889

**REPLY & AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed February 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time was previously submitted with the Reply & Amendment filed January 28, 2004. Therefore, no further fee for an Extension of Time is believed to be required.

Image

AF / 1714

Patent
Attorney Docket No. 019219-008



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - Expedited
Procedure - Technology Center

Patent Application of
Jeffrey Wilson THORNTON et al.
Application No.: 09/868,139
Filing Date: September 19, 2001
Title: ACIDIC SUPERABSORBENT POLYSACCHARIDES

Group Art Unit: 1714
Examiner: Tae H. Yoon
Confirmation No.: 6889

Corres. and Mail
BOX AF

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

_____ on _____,
for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	MINUS 21 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

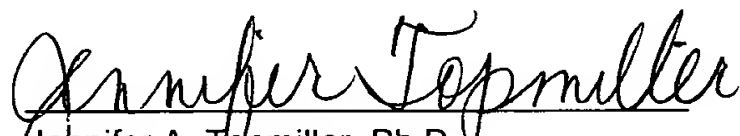
Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Date: February 23, 2004

By


Jennifer A. Topmiller, Ph.D.
Registration No. 50,435